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REMARKS

In the Office Action of October 23, 2008, the Examiner allowed claims 40-45, and found claims 2, 8, 13, 19, and 25-39 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants appreciate the time and consideration provided by the Examiner in reviewing this application and allowing claims 40-45.

Applicants amended independent claims 1, 13 and 25 as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 1 now incorporates all the limitations of claim 2; claims 13 and 25 incorporate all limitations of the base claim 12. In making these revisions care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added and that the claims remain supported by the specification.

Applicants cancelled claims 2, 5-7, 9-12, 14-18, 20-24, and 46.

Claim 8 is currently amended to depend on claim 1. Dependent Claims 3-4 and 8 are now allowable as depending upon allowable claim 1.

The dependent Claim 19 is allowable as based on allowable claim 13. The dependent claims 26-28 are allowable as based on allowable claim 25; and claims 29-39 are allowable as depending directly or indirectly on claim 13.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 1, 3-4, 8, 13, 19, and 25-45, as previously filed and amended in this response are allowable, and the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, other-wise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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